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THE PEACEFUL REVOLUTIONISTS

Down On The Farm. Over the past quarter of a century a revolution has taken place in America--a peaceful revolution that has freed the American public from the need to grow its own food. The role farmers and others in the agricultural complex have played in this event is presented in a new slide set from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Titled "The Peaceful Revolutionists," the 195-frame set tells what took place in agriculture and related fields during the past 25 years to free an entire Nation from the soil and to make this country the most literate, the most affluent, and the best fed Nation in the world. The presentation includes information about our food prices and eating habits and compares them in terms of average wages with other countries and with the past. The slide set sells for \$50 from the Photography Division, Office of Communication, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. A 35-mm. single-frame filmstrip version of "The Peaceful Revolutionists" can be purchased for \$20 from the Photo Lab, Inc., 3825 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20011. Both prices include a cassette soundtrack and illustrated narrative guide.

TEACHERS' AIDS

Lessons On Food Buying. Lesson aids on how to buy food for quality and economy have recently been published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture with teachers of home economics and consumer education courses in mind. The aids are suitable for either high school or adult education programs. "How To Buy Food -- Lesson Aids for Teachers" (AH-443) is designed to assist teachers in obtaining and using the "How To Buy" materials--publications, posters, slide sets, and motion pictures--previously produced by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. Published in handy looseleaf form, they cover meat, dairy products, eggs, poultry, fresh fruits and vegetables, and canned and frozen fruits and vegetables. Each aid provides a list of basic reference materials, a glossary of terms, suggestions for teaching, and student quizzes. A special section deals with how to get more for your food money. Single free notification copies of AH-443 will be sent on request to teachers. Write to the Office of Communication, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Copies may be purchased for 80 cents each from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.



GARDENING HOBBYISTS

Is Your Dreamhouse A Greenhouse? Almost every gardener eventually reaches a point where he decides his green thumb deserves a treat...a greenhouse all its own. Once the big decision is made to build a greenhouse, there are a few more things to consider. For instance, how much time, money, and work do you want to expend on your greenhouse? A hobby greenhouse can range from a simple polyethylene covered framework to a fully automated conservatory with many choices in between. In "Building Hobby Greenhouses," a new booklet from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, potential greenhouse owners will find help in making a choice for their year-round gardening pleasure. The booklet discusses best locations for greenhouses, basic types and their design and construction, and information on obtaining plans and drawings. There are sections on temperature, humidity, and light control and the equipment needed to keep everything under control. Copies of "Building Hobby Greenhouses" (AIB-357) are available for 25 cents each from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 or from GPO bookstores for 15 cents each.

REPELLING INSECTS

Their Attitude Is Poor. Ants aren't the only uninvited guests that can spoil a picnic...often chiggers, mosquitos, gnats, fleas, ticks, or combinations of these want to join in the fun. And YOU are on THEIR menu. Granted, a picnic, hike, camping trip, or any other outdoor activity takes place on the home grounds of these pests. But since they show no evidence of having a gracious live-and-let-live attitude, there are protective measures that can be taken. Entomologists of the U.S. Department of Agriculture have outlined some of these measures in a new booklet titled "Be Safe From Insects In Recreation Areas." Included is information on repellents, space sprays, mechanical methods (such as nets and screens), and other means that can be used to help prevent insect annoyance. Since we can't win them all, the booklet also tells how to deal with insect bites. Copies of "Be Safe From Insects In Recreation Areas" (G-200) are available for 10 cents each from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

PLENTIFUL FOODS LIST

Fruits And Proteins. For May the Plentiful Foods List includes cranberry sauce, cranberry juice cocktail, dry beans, split peas, fresh oranges, frozen concentrated orange juice, chilled and canned orange juice, eggs, peanuts and peanut products, corn grits, and corn meal. For June the List will include the pasta family (macaroni, spaghetti, noodles, etc.), dry beans (navy - pinto), corn meal, grits, and eggs.

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